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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

Applicants' Attorney of Record has received a Notice of Abandonment stating that Applicant failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on September 5, 2003. Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Abandonment was issued in error due to the fact that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office did not enter Applicants' Brief on Appeal that was filed on December 19, 2003. Thus, Applicants request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn. Though not believed to be necessary in view of the merits of this evidence, if a fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (IBMS.002PA) for the thorough consideration of this Petition.

The details follow below.

Discussion

Applicants' Attorney of Record received an Advisory Action that was mailed out from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2003.

On September 25, 2003, Applicants' Attorney of Record responded by filing by facsimile a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time. An Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission confirming receipt of the Notice of Appeal was received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 25, 2003 (see Exhibit A). The Notice of Appeal was entered at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on September 26, 2003.

The Applicants' Attorney of Record mailed an Appellants' Brief on Appeal and Petition for Extension of Time, with appropriate fees, to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2003 (see Exhibit B). This Brief was not entered. Enclosed is a true copy of the Appellants' Brief on Appeal's return postcard, bearing stamped entry on December 24, 2003 by the U.S.P.T.O. Office of Initial Patent Examination (see Exhibit C). The stamped return postcard is prima facie evidence of receipt in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of all items listed thereon on the date stamped thereon by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. See MPEP § 503.

Remarks

It is believed that this petition is timely filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(f), since Applicants are responding within two month of becoming aware that the case had become abandoned.

For the above-stated reasons, Applicants respectfully request that the Holding of
Abandonment be withdrawn and the Appeal Brief be considered. Three copies of the Appeal
Brief are included to help facilitate the Appeal process.

Respectfully submitted,

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Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.191

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Dear Sir:

This is a Notice of Appeal for the above-referenced application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (IBMS.002PA) the amount \$320.00 for the fee required by Rule 1.17(b).

Presented for appeal are claims 1-22.

The undersigned is of record and with authority to prosecute the appeal on behalf of the Assignee.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to file the attached <u>NOTICE OF APPEAL</u>. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (IBMS.002PA) in the amount of \$930.00 to cover the extension fee for a large entity. If necessitated by this Extension, authority is given to charge/credit additional fees/overages to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Appellants' Brief on Appeal, in triplicate, pages 1-16.

Petition for one-month Extension of Time.

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